Construction of Over-Bridge

4150. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for the construction of an over-bridge on the Dharamshala railway bridge in Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any survey had been conducted in this regards; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in construction through.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of Forest Wealth

4151. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of forest wealth exported from Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years; and

(b) the foreign exchange earned by the Government thereby during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) Forest produce is sold through public auction to highest bidder. Once the material is handed over to the purchaser, no record is maintained as to where and how the produce is utilized. Therefore it cannot be said with certainty the quantity of forest wealth which is exported from Uttar Pradesh. However, as per EXIM Policy 1992-97 the export of wood and wood products in the form of logs, timber, stumps, roots, bark, chips, powder, flakes, dust, pulp and charcoal is prohibited as per the entry at S.No. 7 of the negative list of exports, Part I, Para 158.

[English]

M/s Span Motels

4152. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has recommended deleasing of forest land acquired by M/s Span Motels Private Limited on the banks of river beas in the Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) Pursuant to the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Central Pollution Control Board constituted a Committee. The Committee has submitted its report to the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 12-6-1996. One of the recommendations made by the Committee in its report refers to the deleasing of forest land acquired by M/s Span Motels Private Limited. The matter is subjudice.

World Bank Assistance for Railways

4153. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have approached World Bank to provide assistance for the development of Railways;

(b) if so, the amount received from World Bank during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 till date, and

(c) the details of the works for which the amount thus received would be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railways received assistance from the World Bank as under :

1994-95	US $ 25.620	million
1995-96	US $ 7.500	million
1996-97	US $ 2.324	million

(c) Railways received assistance for the Third Rail Modernization Project for rehabilitation, modernization of track on heavy density routes of Indian Railways and procurement of track machines like Tie Tamper, Ballast cleaner, Track stabilizer and Points-Crossing layer.

Railways have also received an advance from Project Preparatory Facility of the World Bank to meet the cost of Project Preparatory Studies for rail components of Mumbai Urban Transport Project II. These studies are (i) Financial and Institutional study for combined suburban rail operation in Mumbai; (ii) System Planning study and development of Simulation Model for Mumbai suburban system; (iii) Study to develop specification for Re-manufacture of existing EMUs of Mumbai suburban system; (iv) Study for conversion of DC to AC traction in Mumbai suburban services, respectively.

Model Railway Stations

4154. DR. A.K. PATEL :
SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :
SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM' :
SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for developing some railway stations as Model railway stations in the country;